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VIA E-FILING

Ms. Jocelyn D. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities,
Territory and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from Synergy Utilities,
L.P. to South Carolina Water Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2021-130-S.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As the record will reflect, I represent the joint applicants in the above docket. David Butler, the Hearing Officer in the above, has requested that the parties update the Public Service Commission ("Commission") on the status of the settlement negotiations by January 4, 2022. As I have reported previously, Synergy Utilities, LP, South Carolina Water Utilities ("Joint Applicants") and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") have reached an agreement in principle and have agreed upon a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the docket. I was informed by Jack Pringle, counsel for the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities ("Orangeburg"), that he has been authorized to execute the settlement agreement. I have reached out to Skyler Hutto, counsel for the Northwoods Homeowners Association ("HOA"), to ask him whether, in light of the willingness for Orangeburg to execute a settlement agreement, he is in a position to execute the settlement agreement.

In addition, the Joint Applicants and the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities ("Orangeburg") have been negotiating a document transferring the Northwoods sewer system to Orangeburg and the parties are awaiting receipt of a survey which will identify certain real property to be conveyed to Orangeburg as a part of the sewer system. The surveyor has completed his field work.

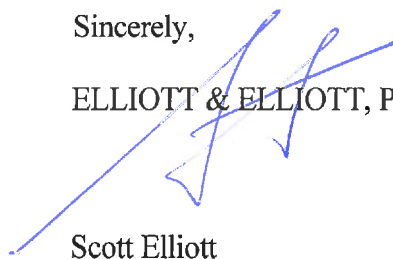
However, to permit South Carolina Water Utilities ("SCWU") to convey the Northwoods sewer system to Orangeburg, the Commission must first grant the Application herein so as to permit SCWU to accept title to the Northwoods sewer system.

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I do not believe that scheduling a hearing in this matter would prove to be constructive at this time. I would request that I be permitted a week to discuss the matter with HOA counsel and report back to Mr. Butler. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Scott Elliott", is written over the typed name and firm name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

Scott Elliott

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cc: All parties of record (Via Electronic Mail)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P. A. does hereby certify that (s)he has served below listed parties with a copy of the pleading(s) indicated below by mailing a copy of same to them via Electronic Mail on the date indicate below:

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This 4th day of January 2022.



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